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**Senate Resolution**

**No. 21**

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Senate Resolution No. 21—Relative to Support for Boeing 7E7  
Jetliner Project at the Palmdale Regional Airport.

1     WHEREAS, The Boeing Company is seeking the best and most  
2     cost-effective facility for the final assembly of its next generation  
3     7E7 jetliner; and  
4     WHEREAS, ~~Large aircraft manufacturing facilities at Several~~  
5     *different sites within California are currently competing for this*  
6     *project, including Site 9 of the Palmdale Regional Airport are*  
7     ~~immediately available for long-term lease at highly favorable~~  
8     ~~terms from the Los Angeles World Airports Department; and,~~  
9     *McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento, the Boeing Facility in*  
10    *Long Beach, and Norton, George, and March Air Force bases in*  
11    *the Inland Empire; and*  
12    WHEREAS, ~~Palmdale Regional Airport provides~~ *All of these*  
13    *sites provide most of the following: runways, ramps,*  
14    *communications, security, support facilities, truck access, and rail*  
15    ~~access~~ *rail access, and seaport access, suitable for manufacturing,*  
16    *assembly, painting, and flight testing the world's largest and most*  
17    *sophisticated aircraft; and*  
18    WHEREAS, ~~The~~ *California* ~~boasts the~~ *the nation's* largest  
19    highly-qualified pool of experienced aerospace manufacturing

1 technicians, engineers, and managers ~~live within a 50-mile radius~~  
2 ~~of the Palmdale Regional Airport~~; and

3 WHEREAS, State and federal training programs are already in  
4 place to assist The Boeing Company to quickly improve the  
5 technical and specialized knowledge base and skills of employees  
6 ~~at Site 9 in California~~; and

7 WHEREAS, Final assembly of the 7E7 at the ~~Palmdale~~  
8 ~~Regional Airport site~~ *any of these sites* will enjoy overwhelming  
9 support of the surrounding cities and communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Financial incentives for the 7E7 program,  
11 including Foreign Trade Zone benefits ~~and~~, benefits from a State  
12 of California Enterprise Zone ~~are already in place and available~~,  
13 *and Local Area Military Base Recovery Area Tax Incentives are*  
14 *already in place and available at several of these sites*; and

15 WHEREAS, ~~Palmdale Regional Airport (Air Force Plant 42)~~  
16 *California* has a long and proud history as the home of many of the  
17 nation's most successful aircraft and aerospace programs;  
18 ~~including the Space Shuttle, the SR-71 Blackbird, the A-4~~  
19 ~~Skyhawk, the B-1B Lancer, the B-2 stealth bomber, the F-117~~  
20 ~~Nighthawk, and the L-1011 TriStar jetliner~~; now, therefore, be it

21 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the  
22 Senate declares support for selection of ~~Site 9 at the Palmdale~~  
23 ~~Regional Airport~~ *a site within the State of California* as the final  
24 assembly facility for the 7E7 jetliner, and welcomes and  
25 encourages management of The Boeing Company to bring this  
26 important project to California.